On October, 1, 2010, I joined with more than 70 of my colleagues in contacting Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa P. Jackson to urge the dismissal of a petition to ban the use of lead in fishing products. EPA Assistant Administrator Stephen Owens responded by noting that the EPA has denied the request by certain groups for a national ban on lead in all fishing gear. This was certainly an appropriate decision. Please feel free to let me know of any further concerns or questions you may have.